



Durham

News Notes



Spring 2021



City Movie Night



The Resiliency Project: Durham - Recap

The City of Durham received some funds from a county wide grant aimed at making community connections. With these funds the City of Durham, along with the cities of Tualatin, Tigard, Sherwood, and King City formed the Resiliency Project in an attempt to provide some fun activities in a safe and inclusive way while we have all been stuck at home. From December through March we were able to do a city wide art project, movie night, and bring in a donut truck providing free donuts to the residents of Durham.

City Wide Art Project ~ We received many amazing art submissions from Durham residents of all ages! These submissions can be seen along Upper Boones Ferry Road on the new banners that have been installed for everyone to enjoy! Each submission we received was put on the banners and appears twice along Upper Boones Ferry.

City Wide Movie Nights ~ The city wide movie night was a big hit! Durham residents watched all types of movies, from Paddington and Kung Fu Panda to Redemption and Star Wars! Residents who emailed the City the movie they watched were entered into a raffle and received a gift card to a local restaurant or café.

Donut Truck ~ Every Saturday in march, the City brought in Pip's Doughnuts to provide free donuts to Durham residents. This event provided neighbors an opportunity to connect in a socially-distanced manner over some fresh and delicious donuts!



Some Art Submissions



Pip's Doughnuts

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MYN Update - Home Hazard tour: Look up, look down, look around you!

In this article we are focusing on the things you can do to make your home as secure and safe as possible should a major earthquake occur.

Priority Hazard Fixes

- Attach large, heavy pieces of furniture to studs-especially those that might block an exit.
- Secure wall hangings & free standing items; move heavy items low.
- Secure TVs, computer monitors, microwaves. Install safety glass and/or safety film.
- Put a security light in each room. These lights plug into any outlet and light up automatically if power goes out.
- Place hearing, sight and walking aids by your bed at night.
- Make an under the bed emergency kit that includes sturdy gloves, a helmet or hard hat, shoes with sturdy soles, a flashlight, a whistle. Other items could include goggles, your MYN information folder, a space blanket.

- Place flashlights or battery lanterns in multiple locations around your home.
- Be sure you know how to open your garage door if the power goes out.
- Refresh your memory regarding how to turn off the water going into your tank and your gas meter.

On your next home tour...

- Take time to identify what you would get under during an earthquake.
- Take inventory photos/videos of possessions/important documents.
- Take time to see what you'd take with a 5 min. evacuation notice. Place an index card with a list in each room.

Did you remember to check your fire alarms and turn your fire extinguishers upside down to redistribute the chemicals when we returned to daylight savings time? If not, it's never too late!

Spring Cleaning: How do I recycle this?



Do you have a pile of stuff you don't want to throw in the garbage, but don't know how to properly recycle? You can use Washington County's webpage "What to Recycle and Where?" to search for specific objects and where to recycle them. They can help you recycle styrofoam, scrap metal, yoga mats, and more! Visit <https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/SWR/what-to-recycle.cfm> to see where you can recycle your stuff!

Time to Test Your Irrigation System

Durham property owners with irrigation systems are required to have their backflow prevention device tested each year by June 1. If you have an automatic irrigation system, then you have a backflow prevention device.

Backflow testing is done by certified private companies who set their own rates. Testing costs range from \$25 to \$50. A

Spring Planting: Native vs Invasive

The spring months are a great time to do some planting and gardening. When thinking about what plants to add to your garden, you should consider native species. Native plants are more resistant to pests and diseases while also attracting native birds, butterflies, and other important wildlife. Look out for local and pop up nurseries with native plants or propagate native shrubs from clippings and prep your garden for planting.

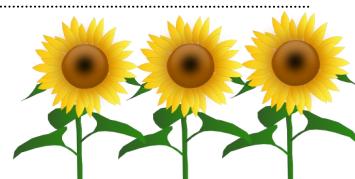


link to certified companies can be found on the City's website.

The test providers will submit the results to the Tigard Water Department within 10 days. If your backflow device is broken, you will need to repair and retest it immediately.

Did you Know ?

One sunflower is actually made up of 1,000 to 2,000 individual flowers all on one stalk!



Durham Tree Ordinance

Trees are an asset to the community and like many cities in Oregon, Durham requires a permit to cut down trees on private property. The purpose of the Tree Ordinance is to preserve the wooded character of the City and to protect the environmental benefits trees provide. If you are considering removing trees on your property, you should review the City's regulations first.

Do I Need A Permit? Yes, if you plan to cut down a tree with a trunk diameter of 5 inches or greater, measured at 4.5 feet above the ground.

How Do I Apply? Fill out and submit a completed application with photos of the proposed tree to be removed and pay the \$25 fee. Permit applications and public notices for tree removal applications that will be heard at the Planning Commission meetings are available on the City's website.

What Are The Penalties For Illegally Removing Trees? The Planning Commission will impose a fine of up to \$720 per tree for trees removed without a permit. If a property owner is removing a tree and you suspect that a permit was not issued, first check the list of approved tree permits on the City's website in the "Notice of Land Use Actions" section. All approved tree removals are posted there. If the property owner does not have a permit, call City Hall.

For trees that are obviously dead, diseased, or dangerous, removal permits may be approved administratively. However, an arborist report may be needed when the condition of the tree is not obvious to City staff. A tree that presents an imminent danger should be immediately reported to the City. If a dangerous tree must be cut down to prevent loss of life or property outside the City's normal business hours, the property owner must report the tree removal to City Hall as soon as possible.

Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday of the Month, at
7:30 PM

City Council

4th Tuesday of the Month, at
6:30 PM

Please note monthly meetings are currently taking place via Zoom.
Links available upon request.



Community Conversations on Police Use of Force Policies in Tualatin

Tualatin Mayor Frank Bubnik, with the support of the Tualatin City Council, the Tualatin Police Department, and the entire City organization, signed the Reimagining Policing Pledge to address police use of force policies in Tualatin on June 10, 2020 following the killing of George Floyd and others. As described in the pledge, they committed to:

REVIEW the use of force policies.

ENGAGE the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review.

REPORT the findings of their review to the community and seek feedback.

REFORM the community's police use of force policies.

Over this fall and winter, they tackled step two of this process by reaching out to the community. Engagement was conducted virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions and included four facilitated meetings, including one with the Diversity Task Force, as well as online engagement through email, social media, and a virtual comment box.

On January 25, 2021, the Tualatin City Council met to

review the final report. The report included six recommendations identified by the community:

- Collaborate with regional partners to improve response to individuals experiencing mental health crises.
- Ensure use of force policies include a focus on using the least amount of force reasonable.
- Ensure use of force policies include a focus on using de-escalation techniques when reasonable.
- Increase training on recognizing when someone is in distress.
- Increase training on cultural awareness and racial bias.
- Provide regular updates to the City Council and the community - particularly on stop data, use of force data, and officer misconduct.

The Tualatin City Council voted unanimously to accept the report and directed staff to prepare a work plan and report back to the Tualatin City Council on progress implementing these six recommendations.

Learn more at <https://www.tualatinoregon.gov/police>



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Bulky Waste Pickup, May 1st!

Do you have something you want to get rid of but it's too big to fit in your roll cart? The City has scheduled a **FREE bulky waste pick up day for Saturday, May 2, 2020**. Pride Disposal will pick up and haul away large items such as mattresses, appliances, microwaves, dismantled swing sets, planting pots, plastic patio furniture, and small amounts of wood not longer than 5 ft. at no charge to you.

Prohibited materials include:

- ⇒ All construction, remodeling or demolition materials
- ⇒ TVs, personal computers or electronics
- ⇒ Freon Appliances (fridges, freezers, air conditioners, etc.)
- ⇒ Metals larger than 3' x 3'
- ⇒ Propane bottles
- ⇒ Regular garbage, recycling, or yard debris and trimmings
- ⇒ All hazardous waste material (You can dispose of hazardous waste materials at Metro Central or Metro South for \$5 per 35 gallons. Please note, chemicals that are considered hazardous waste should **never** be put down the sink, on the ground, in a storm drain, or in the garbage.)



Go ahead! Get rid of your space-hogging furniture and broken-down appliances! **Have your items out at the curb by 6:00 am.** If you're unable to get the item to the curb, their drivers can also remove items from your house or garage for an additional fee. Call Pride 503-625-6177 for a reservation or if you have any questions on what items they will or will not take.